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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator—Vernon L. Phillips.

Town Clerk—Herman C. Miller.

Selectmen—Francis W. Abbott, Leon E. Hoyt, Charles W. Abbott.

Treasurer—Herman C. Miller.

Tax Collector—Rodney G. Mills.

Board of Education—Winifred C. Hoyt, C. Gladys St. John, Harold A. Varnum.

Auditors—State Tax Commission, Municipal Accounting Division.

Supervisors—William Basset Jr., Rodney G. Mills, Arthur J. Miller.

Road Agent—Thomas E. Bixby.

Overseer of Poor—Arthur J. Miller.

Trustees of Trust Funds—Rodney G. Mills, Kathleen F. Johnson, Paul T. Bradbury.

Library Trustees—Henry B. Hill, Eleanor G. Cutter, Cornelia Brous.

Cemetery Trustees—Rodney G. Mills, Arthur E. Holt.

Fire Wards—Victor L. White, Paul T. Bradbury, Arthur J. Miller, Norman Stewart, Thomas E. Bixby.

Election Officers—Gladys C. Vadney, Sara E. Jones, C. Gladys St. John, Norton R. Brown.

Board of Adjustment—William A. Lord, Paul T. Bradbury, Oren P. Harwood, Ford Bowman, George E. Kunhardt.

Chief of Police—Victor L. White.

Special Police—Royal S. Cleaves, Norman Stewart, Carl E. Cilley.

Fence Viewers—William Cole, William Lord, Norman Stewart.

Civil Defense Director—Paul T. Bradbury.

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**To the Inhabitants of the Town of Francestown in the
County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote
in Town Affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Francestown on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Budget as submitted by the Selectmen or make any alterations in the same, and raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to finance the Budget as finally adopted.
4. To see if the Town will vote to resurface the parking space between the Town Hall walk and the Horse Sheds with gravel and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same or take any action relating thereto.
5. To see if the Town will vote to tar that portion of the Bible Hill Road from the Top of the hill by the Fire House to the brook near the old Barrett place, and also tar the parking space near the Horse Sheds, if resurfaced, and raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pay for the same, or take any action relating thereto.
6. To see if the Town would approve the exemption from taxation, that portion of the property of the New Hampshire Crippled Children Society, which lies in Francestown, if it can be done legally.
7. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the Town Dump.

8. To see what action if any the Town will take on the report of the Town Road Advisory Committee, appointed by the Selectmen, to study the 15-year road plan.

9. To see if the Town will appoint a permanent Town Road Advisory Committee to continue the study of the roads, look into the equipment necessities including prices and report to the next Annual Meeting.

10. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a loader and borrow a sufficient sum of money to be added to the Post War Road Equipment Fund to pay for the same or take any action relating thereto.

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sufficient sum of money to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate five hundred dollars (\$500.00), to be added to the balance of the Reid Road appropriation plus three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00), to be contributed by Mr. Reid, to be used for applying a black top on said road or take any action relating thereto.

13. To see what action if any the Town will take in regard to closing, subject to gates and bars, those sections of roads as recommended in the report of the Advisory Committee.

14. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen and take action on the same.

15. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this fifteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

FRANCIS W. ABBOTT
LEON E. HOYT
CHARLES W. ABBOTT
Selectmen of Francestown

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

FRANCIS W. ABBOTT
LEON E. HOYT
CHARLES W. ABBOTT
Selectmen of Francestown

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1951 to December 31, 1951.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1951	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1951	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1952
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$2,077 37	\$2,077 37	\$2,077 37
Savings Bank Tax	102 74	112 63	112 63
Growing Wood and Timber	1,764 60	540 76	500 00
Reimbursement a/c Old Age As.		554 16	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	150 00	151 20	150 00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	5 00	10 00	10 00
Rent of Town Hall & Other Bldgs.	90 00	46 00	50 00
Interest received on Taxes and Deposits	70 00	70 55	70 00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,700 00	1,706 96	1,500 00
Sale of Town Property		2 00	
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:			
2—\$500 Notes to tar Turnpike		1,000 00	
1 Due in 1952—1 Due in 1953			
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2	404 00	332 00	300 00
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	\$6,363 71	\$6,603 63	\$4,770 00
*Amt. to be raised by property Taxes			\$32,221 08
TOTAL REVENUES			\$36,991 08

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1951	Actual Expenditures Year 1951	Estimated Expenditures Year 1952
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$905 00	\$905 00	\$905 00
Town Officers' Expenses	600 00	656 06	700 00
Election & Regis. Expenses	75 00	43 50	150 00
Expenses Town Hall & Other			
Town Bldgs.	200 00	143 20	400 00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	100 00	92 22	100 00
Fire Department	1,000 00	981 56	700 00
Moth Extermination	300 00	300 00	400 00
Insurance	400 00	647 11	400 00
Health:			
Vital Statistics	15 00	18 75	20 00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	90 00	90 00	100 00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	2,500 00	2,283 92	2,500 00
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,000 00	2,134 36	2,500 00
Street Lighting	594 00	594 00	594 00
General Exp. of Highway Dept.	400 00	401 38	400 00
Town Road Aid	812 76	812 76	812 64
Libraries	1,010 00	1,010 00	1,280 00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	50 00		300 00
Old Age Assistance	800 00	784 23	900 00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day & Vet. As.	10 00	5 00	10 00

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1951	Actual Expenditures Year 1951	Estimated Expenditures Year 1952
Public Service Enterprises:			
Civil Defense			100 00
Cemeteries	200 00	200 00	200 00
Forest Fires			200 00
Unclassified:			
Advertising & Regional Associa.	77 00	77 00	80 00
Auto Permits	125 00	140 50	150 00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	65 00	16 95	50 00
On Long Term Notes	175 00	144 27	150 00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Construction—Reid's Road	1,000 00	719 20	
Indebtedness:			
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
(b) Long Term Notes	2,500 00	2,500 00	2,500 00
(c) Fire Truck Fund			100 00
Payments to Other Gov. Div.:			
County Taxes	4,348 31	4,348 31	4,348 31
School Taxes	17,873 77	15,918 72	15,941 13
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$38,225 84	\$35,968 00	\$36,991 08

**SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION OF THE
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN IN HILLSBOROUGH
COUNTY FOR THE TAX YEAR 1951**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY		VALUATION
Lands and buildings (exclusive of growing wood and timber)		\$671,665
Electric plants		59,249
Horses	35	2,575
Cows	225	51,800
Other Neat Stock	16	2,625
Sheep and Goats	151	6,700
Fowls	4119	6,675
Portable Mills	4	6,300
Wood, lumber, etc.		2,300
Gasoline pumps & tanks		715
Stock in Trade		8,567
Mills & machinery		5,500
Total gross valuation before exemptions allowed		\$824,671
Less: Soldiers' exemptions & exemptions to blind		26,085
Net valuation on which tax rate is computed		\$798,586
Amount of property valuation exempted to veterans		\$26,085
Number of inventories distributed		330
Number of inventories returned		170
Number of veterans who received property exemption		33
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax		35

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

FRANCIS W. ABBOTT
LEON E. HOYT
CHARLES W. ABBOTT

SELECTMEN

July 12, 1951

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR 1951

Appropriations:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$905 00
Town Officers' Expenses	600 00
Election and Registration Expenses	75 00
Town Hall and Buildings	200 00
Police Department	100 00
Fire Department	1,000 00
Blister Rust—Moth Extermination	300 00
Health Department and Town Dump	90 00
Insurance	400 00
Vital Statistics	15 00
Town Road Aid	812 76
Town Maintenance—Summer	2,500 00
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,000 00
Town Construction—Reid's Road	1,000 00
Street Lighting	594 00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	400 00
Deficiency appropriation	2,000 00
Libraries	1,010 00
Old Age Assistance	800 00
Town Poor	50 00
Memorial Day & Veterans' Associations	10 00
Cemeteries	200 00
Auto Permits	125 00
Advertising & Regional Associations	77 00
Interest on temporary loans \$65, long term \$175	240 00
Payments on principal of debt	2,500 00
County tax	4,348 31
School tax	17,873 77
Total Town and School Appropriations	<u>\$40,225 84</u>

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest and Dividend Tax	\$2,077 37
Savings Bank Tax	102 74
Reimbursement a/c exemption of growing wood and timber	1,764 60
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,700 00
Dog licenses	150 00
Business licenses and permits and filing fees	5 00
Rent of town property	90 00
Interest received on taxes	70 00

Deficiency appropriation credit	2,000 00	
Total Revenues and Credits		7,959 71
		<u>\$32,266 13</u>
Plus Overlay		81 31
		<u>\$32,347 44</u>
Net amount to be raised by taxation		
Less: Number 202 of poll taxes at \$2	\$404 00	
		<u>\$31,943 44</u>
Amount to be raised by property on which tax rate is to be figured.		\$31,943 44
Taxes to be Committed to Collector:		
Tax Rates Town \$4.00		
Property Taxes	\$31,943 44	
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	404 00	
		<u>\$32,347 44</u>
Total Taxes to be Committed		\$32,347 44

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date July 12, 1951.

FRANCIS W. ABBOTT
LEON E. HOYT
CHARLES W. ABBOTT
SELECTMEN

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1951

Title of Appropriations	Appropriations	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amt. Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Overdrafts
Town Officers' Salaries	\$905 00	\$22 34	\$927 34	\$927 34		
Town Officers' Expenses	600 00	20 25	620 25	676 31	\$31 50	\$56 06
Election and Registration	75 00		75 00	43 50	56 80	
Town Hall and Other Buildings	200 00		200 00	143 20	7 78	
Police Department	100 00		100 00	92 22	18 44	
Fire Department	1,000 00		1,000 00	981 56		
Bliester Rust	300 00		300 00	300 00		
Insurance	400 00		400 00	647 11		247 11
Vital Statistics	15 00		15 00	18 75		3 75
Town Dump	90 00		90 00	90 00		
Summer Highways	2,500 00	1,593 00	4,093 00	3,924 67	168 33	
Winter Highways	2,000 00		2,000 00	2,134 36		134 36
General Highway Account	400 00		400 00	401 38		1 38
T. R. A.	812 76		812 76	812 76		
Reid's Road	1,000 00		1,000 00	719 20	280 80	
Tarring Turnpike		1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00		
Street Lighting	594 00		594 00	594 00		
Libraries	1,010 00		1,010 00	1,010 00		
Town Poor	50 00		50 00		50 00	
Old Age Assistance	800 00		800 00	784 23	15 77	
Memorial Day	10 00		10 00	5 00	5 00	
Cemeteries	200 00		200 00	200 00		
Monadnock Region	77 00		77 00	77 00		
Auto Permits	125 00		125 00	140 50		15 50
Interest on Temporary Loans	65 00		65 00	16 95	48 05	
Interest on Demand Notes	175 00		175 00	144 27	30 73	
Principal of Debt	2,500 00		2,500 00	2,500 00		
County Tax	4,348 31		4,348 31	4,348 31		
TOTALS	\$20,352 07	\$2,635 59	\$22,987 66	\$22,732 62	\$713 20	\$458 16
				Overdrafts	\$458 16	
				Net Unexpended Balance	\$255 04	

**Financial Report of the Town of Francestown in
Hillsborough County for the Fiscal Year Ended
December 31, 1951**

ASSETS

Cash—In hands of treasurer	\$10,417 68	
(a) Tax Collector -	51 50	
	<hr/>	\$10,469 18
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Road Equipment Fund	\$1,000 00	
Fire Truck Fund	200 00	
	<hr/>	1,200 00
Accounts Due to the Town:		
(b) Bounties		35 75
Unredeemed Taxes:		
(b) Levy of 1950	\$39 33	
(c) Levy of 1949	50 62	
(d) Previous Years	383 68	
	<hr/>	473 63
Uncollected Taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1951	\$4,524 92	
(b) Levy of 1950	57 28	
(c) Levy of 1949	13 56	
(d) Previous Years	92 84	
	<hr/>	4,688 60
(e) State Head Taxes—Levy of 1951		90 00
		<hr/>
Total Assets		\$16,957 16

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Horse Sheds and Common	\$15 57	
Fire Department	118 44	
Reid's Road	280 80	
Town Poor	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$464 81
(a) State Head Taxes—1951		90 00
Security on Yield Tax		168 43
Due to School Districts:		
Balance of Appropriation		9,873 77
Capital Reserve Funds:		
(Offsets similar Asset account)		1,200 00
Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
Road Note	\$2,000 00	
Fire Escape Note \$500 due 1952	500 00	
Turnpike Note \$500 due 1952, '53, '54	1,500 00	

Turnpike Note 1951, \$500 due 1953, 1954	1,000 00	\$5,000 00
Total Liabilities		\$16,797 01
Surplus		160 15
Grand Total		\$16,957 16

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

1. Property Taxes—Current Year	\$28,284 32	
2. Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2	332 00	
4. Yield Taxes	395 10	
5. State Head Taxes at \$5 & penalties	1,112 00	
6. Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted		\$30,123 42
7. Property Taxes & Poll Taxes		5,025 57
10. Interest received on Taxes		70 55
12. Tax sales redeemed		411 24

From State:

(b) For Class V Highway maintenance	\$1,593 00	
14. Interest and dividend tax	2,077 37	
16. Savings Bank Tax	112 63	
18. Reimbursement a/c exemp- tion of growing wood and timber 1950	\$225 74	
Growing wood & timber 1951	540 76	
		766 50
19. Fee of \$.02 each on head tax	4 60	
Blister Rust Refund	1 88	
		6 48
20. Fighting forest fires	50 23	
21. Bounties	24 50	
22. Reimbursement a/c Old Age As.	554 16	

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

24. Dog licenses	151 20
25. Pistol license \$3.00 & filing fees \$7.	10 00
27. Rent of town hall	46 00
30. Sale of stove	2 00

Registration of motor vehicles, 1951

Permits

1,706 96

\$42,731 81

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

34. Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	\$2,000 00	
35. Long term notes during year	1,000 00	
36. Timber Tax Security	671 21	
37. Insurance adjustments	46 04	
40. New Trust Funds received during year	100 00	
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue		\$3,817 25
Total Receipts from All Sources		\$46,549 06
Cash on hand January 1, 1951		7,055 67
Grand Total		\$53,604 73

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

1. Town officers' salaries	\$927 34
2. Town officers' expenses	676 31
3. Election & registration expenses	43 50
5. Expenses town hall & other town buildings	143 20

Protection of Persons and Property:

6. Police department	92 22
8. Fire department, including forest fires \$151.93 & truck fund \$100	1,033 49
9. Moth extermination—Blister Rust	300 00
10. Bounties	35 75
12. Insurance	647 11

Health:

14. Vital statistics	18 75
16. Town dumps & garbage removal	90 00

Highways and Bridges:

17. Town Road Aid	1,640 75
18. Town Maintenance	
Summer	\$2,283 92
Winter	2,134 36
	4,418 28
19. Street lighting	594 00
20. General Exp. of Highway Dept.	401 38
Emergency washouts	445 30
21. Libraries	1,010 00

Public Welfare:

22. Old age assistance	784 23
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Patriotic Purposes:	
25. Memorial Day & Vet. As.	5 00
Public Service Enterprises:	
30. Cemeteries	200 00
Unclassified:	
32. Auto Permits	140 50
Civil Defense	4 05
33. Advertising & Regional As.	77 00
34. Taxes bought by town	195 08
35. Yield Tax Security	502 78
36. Care of Common	106 16
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Total Current Maintenance Exp.	\$14,532 18
Interest:	
37. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	16 95
38. Paid on long term notes	144 27
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Total Interest Payments	\$161 22
Outlay for New Construction, Equipment & Permanent Improve:	
41. Highways & Bridges—State Aid.	812 76
42. Tarring Turnpike	1,000 00
Reid's Road	719 20
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Total Outlay Payments	\$2,531 96
Indebtedness:	
50. Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	2,000 00
51. Payments on long term notes	2,500 00
54. Payments to trustees of trust funds	100 00
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Total Indebtedness Payments	\$4,600 00
Payments to Other Gov. Div.:	
55. State Head Taxes paid to State Treasurer	1,094 66
57. Taxes paid to County	4,348 31
59. Payments to School Dist. 1950 Tax \$7,918.72 1951 Tax \$8,000	15,918 72
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Total Payments to Other Gov. Div.	\$21,361 69
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Total Payments for all Purposes	\$43,187 05
Cash on hand December 31, 1951	10,417 68
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Grand Total	\$53,604 73

Schedule of Town Property

DESCRIPTION	VALUE
1. Town Hall, lands and buildings	\$25,000 00
Furniture and equipment	500 00
2. Libraries, lands and buildings	5,000 00
Furniture and equipment	1,000 00
3. Police Department, Equipment	25 00
4. Fire Department, lands and buildings	2,000 00
Equipment	5,000 00
5. Highway Dept., lands & buildings	150 00
Equipment	2,000 00
9. Schools, lands and buildings	10,000 00
Equipment	3,000 00
Town Dump	100 00
Town Garage land	200 00
Forest Fire Equipment	600 00
Total	<hr/> \$54,575 00

Certificate

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Date Dec. 31, 1951.

FRANCIS W. ABBOTT
LEON E. HOYT
CHARLES W. ABBOTT
Selectmen

HERMAN MILLER, Treasurer

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Auto Permits:

January	\$139 41
February	381 14
March	780 40
April	86 46
May	92 39
June	61 79
July	43 41
August	31 53
September	45 49
October	14 23
November	9 59
December	21 12

280 Permits Issued	<u> </u>	\$1,706 96
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Dog Licenses:

12 Female at \$5.00	\$60 00	
52 Males & Spayed at \$2.00	104 00	
	<u> </u>	\$164 00

Paid Out:

Commission on 64 dogs at \$.20	12 80	
	<u> </u>	\$151 20
Pistol Permits		3 00
Filing Fees		7 00

Total Receipts		<u> </u>	\$1,868 16
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Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN A. MILLER

TOWN CLERK

STATEMENT OF TAX COLLECTOR

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Levy of 1945

	DR.	
Uncollected taxes Dec. 31, 1950		\$40 03

	CR.	
Abatements allowed	\$21 72	
Uncollected	18 31	
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Total Credits		\$40 03
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Levy of 1946

	DR.	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1950		\$19 35

	CR.	
Abatements allowed	\$2 00	
Uncollected	17 35	
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Total Credits		\$19 35
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Levy of 1947

	DR.	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1950		\$16 21

	CR.	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1951		\$16 21

Levy of 1948

	DR.	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1950		\$8 88

	CR.	
Remittance to Treasurer	\$4 76	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1951	4 12	
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Total Credits		\$8 88
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Levy of 1949

	DR.	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1950	\$45 26	
Cash on hand	28 05	
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Total Debits		\$73 31
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CR.

Remittances to Treasurer	\$28 05
Abatements allowed	2 00
Uncollected	43 26

Total Credits	\$73 31
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Levy of 1950

DR.

Uncollected Dec. 31, 1950	\$4,686 45
Cash on hand	138 38
Interest collected	56 13

Total Debits	\$4,880 96
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CR.

Remittances to Treasurer	\$4,824 49
Abatements allowed	4 00
Uncollected taxes	52 47

Total Credits	\$4,880 96
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Levy of 1951

DR.

Warrant	\$32,347 44
Added taxes	15 00
Head Taxes & Penalties	1,243 50
Timber Tax	1,223 90

Total debits	\$34,829 84
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CR.

Remittances to Treasurer	\$30,124 59
Abatements allowed, head tax	35 00
Regular polls	12 00
Uncollected	4,658 25

Total Credits	\$34,829 84
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STATEMENT OF TAX SALES REDEEMED

Levy of 1949, Charles L. Woodbury	\$42 13
Levy of 1949, Alden R. Udall	165 01
Levy of 1950, Alden R. Udall	164 24
Levy of 1950, Dorothy Pitkins	6 33
	<u>\$377 71</u>

STATEMENT OF TAX SALES

Louise Brock, tax cost int.	\$29 72
Albert Bourgois tax cost int.	3 28
Dorothy Pitkins tax cost int.	6 33
Alden R. Udall tax cost int.	162 08
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	\$201 41

SUMMARY OF WARRANT YIELD TAX

Levy of 1951

	DR.		
Warrant			\$1,223 90
	CR.		
Remittances to Treasurer		\$970 90	
Uncollected		253 00	
		<hr/>	
Total Credits			\$1,223 90

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1951

	DR.		
Original Warrant		\$1,205 00	
Added taxes		30 00	
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Total Commitments			\$1,235 00
Penalties collected			8 50
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Total debits			\$1,243 50
	CR.		
Remittances to treasurer		\$1,110 00	
Penalties		8 50	
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		\$1,118 50	
Abatements allowed		35 00	
Uncollected Head tax as per collector list		90 00	
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Total credits			\$1,243 50

Respectfully submitted

RODNEY G. MILLS

TAX COLLECTOR

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TREASURER

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1951

Balance in Treasury January 1, 1951	\$7,055 67
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Rodney G. Mills, Tax Collector:

1941 Redemption	\$39 86
1948 Property Tax	\$4 76

1949 Poll Tax	\$6 00	
1949 Property Tax	51 37	
1949 Interest	13 30	
	<hr/>	\$70 67

1950 Poll Tax	\$76 00	
1950 Property Tax	4,887 44	
1950 Interest	55 41	
1950 Tax Sale Cost	2 16	
	<hr/>	\$5,021 01

1951 Poll Tax	\$332 00	
1951 Special Poll, Head Tax	1,105 00	
1951 Special Poll, Head Tax, Penalties	7 00	
1951 Property Tax	28,284 32	
1951 Interest	1 17	
1951 Yield Tax	395 10	
	<hr/>	\$30,124 59

Tax Sales Redeemed:

1949	\$207 14	
1950	162 08	
	<hr/>	\$369 22

Herman C. Miller, Clerk:

Auto Permits	\$1,706 96	
Dog Taxes	151 20	
Filing Fees	7 00	
Pistol Permits	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,868 16

Loans:

Souhegan National Bank	\$2,000 00	
First National Bank of Peterborough	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,000 00

Rentals:

Town Hall	\$46 00
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Trust Funds:

Albert P. Dodge Cemetery Fund	\$100 00
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Timber Tax (Security)

New England Wooden Ware Corp.	\$172 50	
Donald E. Bingham	120 00	
Lorden Lumber Co.	300 28	
I. H. Vadney	68 43	
Alden R. Udall	10 00	
		\$671 21

State Treasurer:

Recovery Old Age Assistance,		
Genoa Stone	\$361 95	
Bounty on Hedgehogs	24 50	
Forest Fire	50 23	
Timber Tax Reimbursement	766 50	
Interest & Dividend Tax	2,077 37	
Class V Highways	1,593 00	
Head Tax at 2¢ a head	4 60	
Blister Rust Refund	1 88	
Recovery Old Age Assistance,		
Myrtie & Oliver St. John	192 21	
Savings Bank Tax	112 63	
		\$5,184 87

Unclassified:

Selectmen, Sale of Old Stove	\$2 00	
Roger P. Clark, rebate on Town Help		
Insurance	46 04	
First National Bank of Peterborough,		
Overpayment on Demand Interest	67	
		\$48 71

Total Receipts	\$53,604 73
Total Payments	43,187 05

Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1951	\$10,417 88
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Respectfully submitted,
HERMAN C. MILLER

TREASURER

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Current Year Property Taxes	\$28,284 32
Current Year Poll Taxes	332 00
Head Tax and Penalties	1,112 00
Property and Polls-Previous Years	5,025 57
Tax Sales Redeemed	411 24

From State:

Bounties	24 50
Forest Fires	50 23
Gas Tax	1,593 00
Savings Bank Tax	112 63
Interest and Dividend Tax	2,077 37
Timber Tax (Balance of 1950)	225 74
Reimbursement for 1951	540 76
Recovery of Old Age Assistance	554 16
Fee of \$.02 per head on Head Tax List	4 60
Blister Rust Refund	1 88
Dog Licenses	151 20
Pistol Permits	3 00
Rent of Town Hall	46 00
Interest	70 55
Auto Permits	1,706 96
Filing Fees	7 00

Unclassified:

Sale of Stove	2 00
Timber Tax Security	671 21
Yield Tax	395 10
Rebate on Town Help Insurance	46 04
Temporary Loans	2,000 00
Term Notes	1,000 00
Trust Funds	100 00

Total Receipts	\$46,549 06
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1951	\$7,055 67

Grand Total	\$53,604 73
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SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers Salaries	\$927 34
Town Officers Expenses	676 31
Election and Registration	43 50
Forest Fires	151 93
Town Hall and other buildings	143 20
Police	92 22
Fire and Fire Truck Fund	881 56
Blister Rust	300 00
Bounties	35 75
Town Dump	90 00
Vital Statistics	18 75
Insurance	647 11
Summer Highways	2,283 92
Winter Highways	2,134 36
Emergency Washouts	445 30
Tarring Turnpike	1,000 00
Reid's Road	719 20
Gas Money	1,640 75
General Highway Expense	401 38
Street Lights	594 00
Old Age Assistance	784 23
Libraries	1,010 00
Memorial Day	5 00
Auto Permits	140 50
Common	106 16
Cemeteries	200 00
Civil Defense	4 05
Monadnock Region	77 00
Taxes Bought by Town	195 08
Yield Tax	502 78
Interest on Temporary Loan	16 95
Temporary Loan	2,000 00
Interest on Long Term Notes	144 27
Long Term Notes	2,500 00
T. R. A.	812 76
Trust Fund	100 00
State Treasurer	1,094 66
County Tax	4,348 31
Schools 1950-1951 Appro. & Dog Licenses	7,918 72
Schools 1951-1952 Appro.	8,000 00
Total Payments	\$43,187 05
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1952	10,417 68
Grand Total	\$53,604 73

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:

Francis W. Abbott, selectman	\$225 00
Leon E. Hoyt, selectman	225 00
Charles W. Abbott, selectman	225 00
Herman C. Miller, town clerk	60 00
Herman C. Miller, town treasurer	40 00
Rodney G. Mills, tax collector	100 00
Rodney G. Mills, 2% fee on head taxes	22 34
Arthur J. Miller, overseer of poor	30 00

 \$927 34

Town Officers' Expenses:

N. H. Assessors Assn., Assessors dues 1951	\$2 00
Herman C. Miller, postage & envelopes	18 83
Wheeler & Clark, dog license book & tags	11 69
Branham Printing Co., auto reference books	6 00
Division of Municipal Accounting, for audit	81 15
F. H. Colburn & Co., postage on Town Reports & inventories	14 63
F. H. Colburn & Co., town officers' bonds	77 00
Transcript Printing Co., printing town reports & envelopes	345 00
Donat Corriveau, deeds, mortgages & postage	12 32
Brown & Saltmarsh, town officers' supplies	4 20
Edson C. Eastman, town officers' supplies	22 20
Edw. F. Flannagan, returning record of estates	1 10
Rodney G. Mills, cash paid for rent of deposit box, \$6.00 postage \$10.00	16 00
Clarence C. Jones, postage, envelopes, and telephone	1 70
Sims Press Inc., zoning permits, and bicycle signs	12 50
Ida W. Horner, tax collector dues 1951	3 00
Donat Corriveau, recording collectors' deed (Brock Estate)	1 21
Sargent Bros., tax bills & envelopes	14 08
Chas. R. Hardy, town clerks' dues 1951	2 00
Gunnar D. Isacson, certificates & affidavit forms	3 95

Leon E. Hoyt, dinners for selectmen & road agent at Keene	4 50	
Charles W. Abbott, padlock for town dump	1 00	
Rodney G. Mills, cost of tax sales	20 25	
	<hr/>	\$676 31

Election and Registration:

Arthur J. Miller, services as supervisor	\$8 00	
The Cabinet Press, printing ballots	12 50	
Vernon L. Phillips, services as moderat- or March meeting, 1951	5 00	
Norton R. Brown, election officer	4 00	
Sara E. Jones, election officer	4 00	
Gladys Vadney, election officer	4 00	
Rodney G. Mills, services as supervisor	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$43 50

Forest Fires:

Forestry & Recreation Commission, 6 brass back pumps	\$48 42	
Victor L. White, forest fire meeting at Weare	14 12	
Victor L. White, express on fire tools	2 83	
Victor L. White, forest fire meeting at New Boston (1 warden 5 deputies)	55 44	
Victor L. White, posting fire posters & giving out permits	31 12	
	<hr/>	\$151 93

Town Hall & Other Buildings:

Public Service Co. of N. H., lights for hall	\$31 41	
J. B. Vallancourt, gas for town hall kitchen	12 00	
Francestown Electric & Water Co., water for town hall	15 00	
Victor L. White, supplies & labor on horse shed lights	4 00	
Gladys Vadney, janitor service	35 00	
F. H. Colburn & Co., supplies for hall	2 79	
Rodney G. Mills, care of town clock	13 00	
George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library, wood for town hall	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$143 20

Police:

Arthur J. Miller, care of tramps	\$5 00	
Victor L. White, police duty	60 82	
Royal S. Cleaves, special police duty	9 00	
Norman J. Stewart, special police duty	9 00	
F. H. Colburn & Co., stove pipe for tramp house	1 50	
Chas. M. Floyd Co., 3 special police badges	6 90	
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		\$92 22

Fire:

Arthur J. Miller, care of fire house & water holes, expense on battery charger	\$203 45	
Public Service Co. of N. H., lights	14 93	
C. H. Cragin & Son, repairs & supplies on equipment	68 13	
Francestown Volunteer Fire Dept., for cash paid for insurance on 31 men	31 00	
Orvel B. Peirce, supplies	1 60	
William A. Lord, wood for fire house	8 25	
James A. Coffin, supplies	120 83	
Norton R. Brown, repairing roof of fire house	3 00	
Hafeli Fuel & Ice Co., coal	159 88	
N. H. Firemen's Assn., dues	3 00	
Francestown Volunteer Fire Dept., cash paid for three batteries	41 73	
F. H. Colburn & Co., gas and oil	28 62	
Joe Thompson's Garage, supplies	1 50	
Monadnock Lumber Co., lumber for repairs	11 05	
I. H. Vadney, gas	5 66	
I. H. Fay, Jr., digging water holes	10 00	
Harvey Goodwin, labor & material	69 43	
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		\$781 56
Trustees of Trust Funds, Fire Truck money		100 00
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		\$881 56

Blister Rust:

William H. Messick, Jr., 1951 Blister Rust appro.	\$300 00	
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		\$300 00

Bounties:

Charles Murdo, 39 hedgehog heads at \$.25	\$9 75	
William A. Lord, 32 hedgehog heads at \$.25	8 00	
Leon E. Hoyt, cash paid for 28 hedge- hog heads at \$.25	7 00	
Francis W. Abbott, cash paid for 22 hedgehog heads at \$.25	5 50	
Charles W. Abbott, cash paid for 22 hedgehog heads at \$.25	5 50	
	<hr/>	\$35 75

Town Dump:

Sims Press Inc., signs	\$5 25	
Harold A. Varnum, bulldozing	60 00	
Carl E. Cilley, care and burning	24 75	
	<hr/>	\$90 00

Vital Statistics:

Dr. S. Fraser, returning births & deaths	\$2 75	
Herman C. Miller, recording vital statistics	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$18 75

Insurance:

Farm Bureau Automobile Insurance Co., insurance on tractor	\$44 40	
Levi M. Bixby, insurance on Town hall	364 00	
F. H. Colburn & Co., liability insurance on town buildings	70 69	
F. H. Colburn & Co., insurance on town help	105 52	
Levi M. Bixby, insurance on Fire House	62 50	
	<hr/>	\$647 11

Highway Account:

Thomas E. Bixby, road agent, summer account	\$2,189 24	
Paul C. Rockwood, bridge plank	62 48	
Collector of Internal Revenue, summer account withholding tax	32 20	
	<hr/>	\$2,283 92

Thomas E. Bixby, Road Agent, winter account	\$2,003 08	
Chemical Corporation, salt	61 34	
Ray Road Equipment Co., blades & bolts	57 64	
Collector of Internal Revenue, winter account withholding tax	12 30	
	<hr/>	\$2,134 36

Thomas E. Bixby, Road Agent, wash-out emergency money	\$442 35	
Collector of Internal Revenue, withholding tax	2 95	
	<hr/>	\$445 30

Earl A. Bullard, tarring Turnpike	\$1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,000 00

Thomas E. Bixby, Reid's road	\$227 55	
William D. Shinn, labor, equipment & gravel	465 45	
Joseph H. Fay, Jr., moving shovel	25 00	
Collector of Internal Revenue, withholding tax	1 20	
	<hr/>	\$719 20

Thomas E. Bixby, Road Agent, gas money	\$1,265 90	
William D. Shinn,	370 15	
Collector of Internal Revenue, withholding tax	4 70	
	<hr/>	\$1,640 75

General Highway Account:

Paul C. Rockwood, bridge plank	\$162 88	
Ray Road Equipment Co., culverts & tools	238 50	
	<hr/>	\$401 38

T. R. A.:

State Treasurer, T. R. A.	\$812 76	
	<hr/>	\$812 76

Street Lighting:

Public Service Co. of N. H., street lights	\$594 00	
	<hr/>	\$594 00

Libraries:

George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library, 1951 appo.	\$1,010 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,010 00

Old Age Assistance:

State Treasurer	\$784 23	
	<hr/>	\$784 23

Memorial Day:

Arthur E. Holt, flags	\$5 00	
	<hr/>	\$5 00

Auto Permits:

Herman C. Miller	\$140 50	
	<hr/>	\$140 50

Care of Common:

Arthur J. Miller, care of common	\$81 63	
Daniels' Garage, repair to mower	3 00	
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, Inc., fertilizer & mower parts	19 78	
C. H. Cragin & Son, repairs to mower	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$106 16

Trust Funds:

Trustees of Trust Funds, Albert P. Dodge, cemetery fund	\$100 00	
	<hr/>	\$100 00

Cemeteries:

Rodney G. Mills, labor	\$103 50	
Arthur E. Holt, labor	95 85	
C. H. Cragin & Son, repairs on mower	65	
	<hr/>	\$200 00

Unclassified:

Rodney G. Mills, security on yield tax	\$502 78	
Felt Crafters, Civil Defense arm bands	4 05	
	<hr/>	\$506 83

Taxes Bought by Town:

Rodney G. Mills, Tax Collector:

	Tax	Int.	Cost	
Alden R. Udall	\$153 07	\$6 76	\$2 25	\$162 08
Louise Brock Est.	26 32	1 15	2 25	29 72
Albert Bourgois	98	05	2 25	3 28
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				\$195 08

Interest:

First National Bank of Peterborough, interest on term notes	\$144 27
Souhegan National Bank, interest on temporary loan	16 95
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	\$161 22

Monadnock Region:

Monadnock Region Assn., 1951 appro.	\$77 00
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	\$77 00

Temporary Loans:

Souhegan National Bank, Temporary loan	\$2,000 00
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	\$2,000 00

Term Notes:

First National Bank of Peterborough, long term notes	\$2,500 00
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	\$2,500 00

Payment to State and County:

State Treasurer, account Head Tax	\$1,094 66
Albert W. Beaudet, County Treasurer, County Tax	4,348 31
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	\$5,442 97

School District:

Bernice E. Miller, School Treasurer, Balance 1950-1951 appro. & balance dog licenses	\$7,918 72
Bernice E. Miller, School Treasurer, Account 1951-1952 appro.	8,000 00
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	\$15,918 72

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Gas Tax:

T. Bixby	\$719 20	
H. Varnum	226 30	
W. Champagne	114 70	
R. Cleaves	109 30	
E. Holt	300 00	
O. Higgins	8 00	
H. Dunlap	8 00	
Merrimack Farmers' Exch.	1 30	
C. Foote	54 60	
Paid Selectmen	370 15	
N. Stewart	16 00	
C. Cilley	26 00	
Income tax	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,960 55

General:

Ray Road Equipment	\$238 50	
Rockwood	162 88	
	<hr/>	\$401 38

Emergency:

W. Mason	\$170 00	
C. Foote	59 20	
M. Laro	13 20	
C. Abbott	68 00	
W. Archibald	41 00	
T. Bixby	88 40	
R. Smith	2 55	
Income tax	2 95	
	<hr/>	\$445 30

Reid's Road:

E. H. Edwards	\$57 50	
H. Varnum	96 00	
W. Champagne	19 80	
T. Bixby	54 25	
Paid Selectmen	390 45	
Income tax	1 20	
	<hr/>	\$619 20

Summer Highway:

T. Bixby & truck	\$1,082 80	
W. Champagne	249 10	
Rockwood	62 48	

N. Stewart	65 00	
C. H. Cragin	31 19	
Granite State Asphalt	29 70	
Hob & Nob	19 25	
O. Higgins	21 00	
G. Stone	8 00	
C. Mann	48 60	
H. Varnum	115 00	
G. Daniels	38 75	
C. Foote	59 20	
R. Cilley	10 00	
R. Cleaves	36 00	
W. Russell	50 20	
C. Cilley	3 00	
Income tax	29 90	
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		\$1,959 17

Winter Highway:

T. Bixby & truck	\$1,192 65	
R. Cleaves	204 85	
H. Varnum	231 75	
Ray Road Equipment	57 64	
I. H. Vadney	27 25	
Chemical Corp.	61 34	
F. H. Colburn Co.	14 00	
C. H. Cragin	136 78	
E. H. Edwards	6 40	
Granite State Asphalt	26 70	
W. Champagne	13 00	
N. Stewart	13 50	
G. Daniels	49 60	
H. E. Worcester	42 00	
C. Mann	47 00	
Income tax	9 20	
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		\$2,133 67

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS E. BIXBY, Road Agent

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

TO THE TOWNSPEOPLE OF FRANCESTOWN:

We hereby submit the following brief report for 1951 on our approach to the town road problem.

At our spring road meeting in Keene, Commissioner of State Highways, Mr. Frank Merrill brought out a new 15-year long range road plan, dealing with the T. R. A. funds allocated to the towns. In brief his long range plan is to have the best road built possible, suitable to town usage. A stretch of road constructed with T. R. A. funds and given the proper maintenance thereafter, should be in as good condition 15 years hence as it was on the day of completion.

We felt in order to be fair with everyone, to have such a long range road program, a careful study of our present road conditions should be made. As we did not wish to bear the entire responsibility, we appointed a temporary Advisory Road Committee, consisting of the following citizens, William A. Lord, Paul T. Bradbury, Oren P. Harwood, Ford W. Bowman and George Kunhardt Jr.

It is hoped by this venture, that we can with proper planning, utilize the funds available in the best practical way possible for the betterment of our roads.

Therefore, if this plan meets with your approval, we hope to see such a program tried with success.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS W. ABBOTT

LEON E. HOYT

CHARLES W. ABBOTT

Selectmen

BOARD OF SELECTMEN Francestown, N. H.

June 28, 1951 you appointed the undersigned Committee to advise in regard to town roads due to the law passed by the Legislature increasing the amount of State Aid on Class V gravel roads.

We have conferred with Mr. Philbrick the engineer in charge of Division 7 of the State Highway Dept. and our recommendations meet with his general approval.

During the current year we feel that certain short hills should be reconstructed and black topped as follows:

1. Hill south of Rainey's house—Rd. 74.
2. Hill north of Wm. Abbott's to County Road—Rd. 52.
3. Hill east of Alfred Gray's toward Clifford Pratt's—Rd. 75.

4. Hill from brook south of George Foster's toward Noble Pearson's—Rd. 67.

5. Black top the hill back of the Fire House that was reconstructed in 1951—Rd. 65.

We want to remind you that the maintenance of black topped roads is more costly than gravel roads and the Town should not undertake too extensive a program. We do feel, however, that black topping hills is advisable despite the resurfacing required as it will save a great deal of the cost of repairs by gravel which is washed out.

In further reference to the State Aid Road Program we have established a basis for priority of construction governed by factors indicated in the order of their importance.

First: Permanent residents whose livelihood depends upon daily use of the roads the year around.

Second: Residents using School facilities.

Third: Mail boxes served.

Fourth: Estimated year around average daily travel.

Fifth: Assessed valuation; In most cases this has no bearing on the use of the road but should be given consideration.

Attached to, and a part of this report is a chart listing all the Class V roads worthy of consideration evaluated in accordance with the above named factors.

If year around use of the roads is largely the basis for State Aid, due consideration must be given non-resident taxpayers whose interests are represented in the attached chart by the assessment figures. Summer maintenance should primarily consider this phase of the problem.

We recommend closing subject to gates and bars the following:

Road 88 from Charles Place's house to George Foote's and across Rd. 40 to Charles Champagne's.

Road 89 from Rd. 90 southwest to Dr. Case's house.

Road 89 from Rd. 90 northeast to Rd. 40.

Road 67 from Turnpike to Twombly house.

Road 76 from Rd. 78 to 74.

Road 101 from E. Johnson's house to Town line.

We have discussed the subject of road equipment and suggest that a study and analysis be made of the actual requirements prior to any further purchases.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. KUNHARDT, JR., Ch.

WILLIAM LORD

PAUL T. BRADBURY

FORD W. BOWMAN

O. P. HARWOOD

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

STATE TAX COMMISSION
Concord, New Hampshire

January 25, 1952

Board of Selectmen
Francestown, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of the annual audit and examination of the accounts of the Town of Francestown for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1951, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report which is submitted herewith.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library Treasurer and Trustees of Trust Funds.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheets: Dec. 31, 1950-Dec. 31, 1951:

(Exhibit A)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1950 and December 31, 1951, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein, the financial condition of the Town changed from a Net Debt of \$1,279.97, to a Surplus of \$203.15, during the year 1951.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: (Exhibit B)

An analysis of the change in financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit B, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

Decreases in Net Debt

Long Term Notes Paid	\$2,500 00	
Decrease in Accounts Payable	13 50	
Tax Collector's Excess Credits	19 89	
Cash in Hands of Collector a/c Head		
Tax Paid State Not Remitted by		
Collector	5 50	
Deficiency Appropriation	2,000 00	
		\$4,538 89

Increases in Net Debt

Net Budget Deficit	\$1,998 11	
Long term notes issued	1,000 00	
Tax titles transferred to tax deeds	57 66	
	<hr/>	\$3,055 77
Change in Financial Condition		<hr/> \$1,483 12

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures—Estimated and Actual Revenues:

(Exhibits C & D)

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1951, are presented in Exhibits C and D. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit D), a net revenue deficit of \$1,989.88, plus a net overdraft of appropriations of \$8.23, resulted in a net budget deficit of \$1,998.11.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit E)

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1951, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit E. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1951, is indicated in Exhibit F.

AUDIT PROCEDURE

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and payrolls as well as entries in the books of record. Receipts were checked by source insofar as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Book balances were verified by comparison with reconciled bank balances made from statements obtained from depository banks. Verification of uncollected taxes was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the Collector's records.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Current Surplus:

As shown by the following statement, the current surplus of the Town at the close of 1950 amounted to \$5,220.03, and \$5,203.15 at the close of 1951. This represents the excess of total assets over current liabilities. Current liabilities include all liabilities except long term notes or bonds.

	Dec. 31, '50	Dec. 31 '51
Total Assets	\$14,291 98	\$16,809 16
Total Current Liabilities	9,071 95	11,606 01
Current Surplus	\$5,220 03	\$5,203 15

It is therefore obvious that the special deficiency appropriation of \$2,000.00, which was made in 1951, was unnecessary. Consequently this was offset by an estimated revenue item—"deficiency appropriation credit—\$2,000.00," which was added by the Tax Commission when the budget was submitted for approval of the 1951 tax rate.

A deficiency appropriation is necessary only when the prior year's balance sheet indicates a current deficit,—i.e., an excess of current liabilities over total assets.

Uncollected and Unredeemed Taxes—Prior Years:

In our report of last year's audit, attention was called to the fact that there were balances of uncollected and unredeemed taxes on tax warrants and tax sale accounts extending back over a period of ten or more years. It was recommended that these lists be carefully gone over by the Selectmen and Tax Collector for the purpose of having such accounts as seemed to be uncollectible abated, and tax deeds issued to the Town by the Collector in cases where the two year redemption period had elapsed.

It is again recommended that this matter be given your attention in 1952, in order that assets of doubtful value, in the form of uncollected and unredeemed taxes, may be eliminated from the balance sheet.

Conclusion:

The provisions of Section 31, Chapter 211, of the Laws of 1939, require that this report or a summary of its essential features shall be published in the next annual town report.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Frances-town for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER, Director
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

C. David Sullivan, Auditor
John T. Flanders, Accountant

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have audited the accounts and records of the Town of Francestown for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1951; and, subject to exceptions as noted in the report, found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the Town as of December 31, 1951, together with the results of operations for the period under review.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER, Director
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

C. David Sullivan, Auditor
John T. Flanders, Accountant

GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BUDGET 1952-53

Estimate	1951-52	1952-53
Librarian's salary & extra help	\$400 00	\$450 00
Janitor and cleaning	0 00	60 00
Books	350 00	400 00
Magazines	60 00	60 00
Fuel	200 00	220 00
Supplies	0 00	10 00
New Equipment	0 00	25 00
Repairs	30 00	50 00
Bank Charges	0 00	5 00
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	\$1,040 00	\$1,280 00

FINANCIAL REPORT 1951-52

Receipts:

Bank Balance 1-1-51	\$475 97	
Town appropriation	1,010 00	
Sale of wood (town)	30 00	
Mary Manning fund	25 62	
A. B. Hill Fund	37 50	
Benefit Bridge	152 30	
Gift from Improvement Society for new lights	25 00	
Improvement Society:		
Doll Money and Gift	100 00	
Balance of 1950 gift	8 95	
Interest	51 38	
	<hr/>	\$1,916 72

Expenditures 1951-52:

Fuel	\$250 94
Cleaning	49 92
Bank charges	3 30
Repairs	50 18
Janitor	9 24
Storm windows paid & installed	114 52
Librarian's salary	408 30
Supplies	7 98
Insulation work	50 00
Light for reading room	20 26

Magazines	39 00	
Books	656 51	
	<hr/>	\$1,660 15
Bank balance 12-31-51		256 57

\$1,916 72

HENRY B. HILL
 CORNELIA BROUS
 ELEANOR CUTTER, Trustees

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

January 1, 1951 to December 31, 1951

Fine Account:		
Received from gifts	\$10 00	
Received from fines	30 97	
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Total receipts		\$40 97
Paid for:		
Books	\$21 92	
Supplies	15 35	
Postage	3 50	
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Total expenditures		\$40 77
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Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1952		\$ 20

Circulation of Books and Magazines:		
Fiction	2,073	
Non-fiction	1,648	
Juvenile	5,750	
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Total Books		9,571
Magazines		2,195
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Total circulation		11,666

Magazines subscribed to by the Library:

American Home, Better Homes and Gardens, Children's Activities, Cosmopolitan, Good Housekeeping, Ladies' Home Journal, Open Road for Boys, American Girl, Readers' Digest, Popular Science, Popular Mechanics, Popular Gardening, Saturday Evening Post, Science News Letter, Life, Time, National Geographic, Yankee, Antiques, Story Parade, Horn Book Magazine.

Gift subscriptions:

Our Dumb Animals from Mrs. Packer; Jack and Jill from Miss Rand.

Books and magazines were given by the following persons:

Susan Broman, Miss Rand, Mrs. Langmaid, Mrs. Park, Mrs. Edna Smith, Leafea Clark, Mrs. Emma Place, Mrs. Steffian, Mr. Durand, Mrs. Ruth White, Mr. Freese, Mr. Bourne, Mrs. Macdonald, Miss Allison Hill, Miss Hall, Mr. Gray, W. A. Lord, H. B. Hill, Miss McLeod, Miss Eunice Patch, Miss Ruth Shattuck.

Through State Aid we received about two hundred dollars' worth of books, chiefly reference material and books for the children. There will be no more State Aid as the Legislature did not appropriate money for this purpose.

The annual card party, in charge of Lois MacAdam and Doris Basset, included the sale of flower arrangements, a big cake and herbs, and brought in about \$150.

The Improvement Society added enough to the Doll Fund to make \$100, and also gave the Library \$25 towards new lights for the Reading Room.

For the seventh time a Friend of the Library has given \$20 for special reference books.

From the State Library 274 books were borrowed, and the Bookmobile comes every three months leaving about 75 books each time. These services are much needed, as our weekly average turnover of books and magazines is more than 224, or 32 per hour. During several sessions this summer more than a book a minute went out, not to mention magazines. Five years ago the total circulation was 5,098, or 14 per hour. Our increased circulation occurs during the same number of hours as in the past, and even with a great deal of voluntary and paid extra help, more and more library work is being done at home.

The free services of Mr. Howard Soule who cared for the premises are much appreciated by the public. Less conspicuous was the work given by Doris Basset and the cleaning bee by the trustees and friends. Book shelves in the Children's Room were repaired by W. A. Lord. Mr. and Mrs. Brous, through the courtesy of the Currier Gallery of Art in Manchester, provided two new show cases for the Historical Rooms and now the famous Doll House is well protected under glass.

The Academy Trustees have placed the old telescope also in the hands of the Library, and gave to William Bowman and the Librarian the privilege of looking over the Academy books and other properties and choosing whatever may be best to preserve for the Library. This arrangement was agreed to by the Library Trustees.

A town history given to the Library by Mr. Bourne has been presented to the school. Much of the town history material has been used for college papers; also for conventions of ministers and bankers. Nina Abbott assisted the Librarian in salvaging papers and books of value no longer wanted by the Selectmen; these were removed from the Town Office to the Library.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Brous there were several special exhibits: paintings, prints and a great variety of crafts by Miss Emily Day of Sharon; water colors by Mrs. Edith Baker of Antrim and Mrs. Kunhardt of this town; a lovely hooked rug by Mrs. Agnes Cutter; colorful enamels, pottery and metals made at Sharon Arts Center by Mrs. Brous and Mrs. MacAdam; beautiful stained glass by Rev. and Mrs. David Kingman, the brilliant pieces hanging in our windows for several months; Harvey Packer's collection of horse pictures and a Buffalo Bill poster joined the old stage whip purchased for the Historical Society at the auction of Mrs. Frances Hopkins' things. This whip was recognized by Mr. Evans as belonging to the old Francetown Stage. This corner was much enjoyed by the young folks.

For Labor Day there was a special exhibit of paintings by members of the Merrimack Valley Arts and Crafts Association.

Minerals of this state are displayed by Virginia Smith, and Francetown insects (preserved) by William Bowman. Our permanent exhibit of local soapstone includes a photograph of the quarry when it was in use, and an old geography which mentions this town as a famous locality for soapstone.

A list of books for outside reading was provided by Mrs. Craig of Peterborough High School. This was a great help to our Librarian. So was the visit to a world affairs class at the high school where Sally Murphy was one member of a panel that discussed our foreign policy. This was stimulating and helpful in suggesting material to be gathered.

The regional library meeting at Milford and the annual meeting at Nashua were attended by the Librarian and Mrs. Brous.

A reading contest was held in the summer for the children and Judy Mace won a fine book of folk songs presented by Mrs. Wellman of the Book Nook who sponsored the contest.

Among the many visitors this year was a special delegation from the library institute at Hancock who came over one evening with Miss Pratt, head of N. H. Extension Service.

Elizabeth Yates, who won the Caldecott Medal for the writing of **Amos Fortune**, sent us an exhibit of the photographs and copies of original papers connected with the writing of the book. She also came to our Library with Mrs. Bertha Miller, president of the Horn Book Magazine.

On November first came four young men from the countries of Burma, Malaya and Indonesia. Their two months' stay in this country was sponsored by our State Department so that

these representatives of new republics might find something useful to take back to their countries. Our school children were special guests for this occasion and had a good time talking with these alert and friendly foreigners who spoke perfect English as well as several other languages. They had tea at Hillside and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill returned them safely to Concord in spite of the bad storm. This was the first snow seen by our dark visitors.

Respectfully submitted,
CAROLINE LORD, Librarian

FRANCESTOWN VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

The active cooperation of a large and enthusiastic group of Francetown residents again resulted in a very successful Labor Day Carnival in 1951. Participation and attendance were at an all-time high, and reflected the generous contributions of the many workers and committeemen.

The parade theme was Comic Strips which provided an ideal medium of the talents of the entrants and brought out a large number of outstanding floats. The Peterborough Band provided the musical background and a concert on the Common. Cowboy and cartoon movies, a large variety of games, a Fish Pond, balloons and gay prizes gave the youngsters a really big day. The booths were well stocked and did a thriving business through the day. New attractions included Arts and Crafts Sale and an open house at the Old Tannery Farm.

The major appropriation from the 1951 proceeds was made to the Old Meeting House Fund, the current top village project. The money was ear-marked for the landscaping of the grounds adjoining the building. Other appropriations were made to the Library for new books and stack lights, the Community Christmas Party, American Red Cross, Historical Society, and for care of the Common and the planting of a permanent Christmas Tree.

The Village Improvement Society is truly a community activity and everyone is cordially invited to attend the meetings and is urged to participate. It is through the combined efforts of a large group of members that the Society can continue to function effectively and provide funds for worthwhile Village activities and projects.

W. C. MACADAM, President
E. H. PLACE, Vice-President
R. C. CUTTER, Treasurer
DORIS C. BASSET, Secretary

Feb. 1, 1952.

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDENS

In the past year your local forest fire organization did a very fine job of pre-suppression and suppression of forest fires. Our early spring was very dry and with extra high winds and all our fires were during that period. We find that the general public is still very careless with matches and cigarettes.

In the "Keep America Green" program there is a story of two bad boys who cause most of our forest fires. The first one we call, "I don't care," he is the person that builds fires anywhere never gets a permit to burn brush or has a safe place for his home incinerator. He is also very careless with matches and cigarettes. The other one is called, "I don't know any better," and the best way to describe him is a plain dunce. It is only with your help that these two bad actors are controlled. Their carelessness can be the cause of our pretty and valuable woodland to be destroyed by fire. Even your own home can be burned by them.

It is up to you and you alone to report these characters to your local forest fire warden whenever you see them operating. To have our woodlands green and our mountains streams clear, your cooperation is needed by:

1. Seeing that your incinerator is tight and is sitting on clean ground.
2. Always clean a space about any open fire to prevent it from spreading.
3. Never burn in dry, windy weather.
4. In all cases a written permit is required from your local town fire warden.
5. Be sure that your matches, cigarettes and pipe ashes are out before discarding.

It is with your cooperation that this shameful waste of timber and money can be stopped.
1951 forest fire record.

Number of fires 0, Acreage burned 0, Number of burning permits issued 40.

VICTOR L. WHITE
Forest Fire Warden

G. O. HOLLIS
District Chief

SCHOOL REPORT

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Moderator, Rev. Vernon Lee Phillips	March 1952
Clerk, Mrs. Richard Miller	March 1952
Treasurer, Mrs. Richard Miller	June 1952
Truant Officer, Mr. Harold Varnum	March 1952
Auditor, Mr. Ford W. Bowman	March 1952

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Winnifred Hoyt, Chairman & Secretary	March 1952
Mrs. C. Gladys St. John	March 1953
Mr. Harold Varnum	March 1954

SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Newell J. Paire

TEACHING STAFF FOR 1951-1952

Mr. Sidney Moore, Principal, Grades V, VI, VII, VIII, resigned
Nov. 2, 1951.

Mr. Robert Piper, Principal, Grades V, VI, VII, VIII, con-
tracted Nov. 5, 1951.

Miss Hazel Clement, Grades I, II, III, IV.

Miss Ethelyn G. Edwards, Music.

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Louisa Murphy, R. N.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1951-52:

January 2, 1952 to February 15	7 weeks
February 25, 1952 to April 18	8 weeks
April 29, 1952 to June 13, 1952	7 weeks
Holiday: May 30	

1952-53:

School opens Sept. 3, 1952—Closes November 26 at 12:15
 $\frac{1}{2}$ session.

School opens Dec. 1, 1952—Closes December 19

School opens Jan. 5, 1953—Closes February 20

School opens March 2, 1953—Closes April 17

School opens April 28, 1953—Closes June 12

Holidays:

Armistice Day Nov. 11, School closes 12:15—half session.

Fast Day April 27

Memorial Day (a Saturday)

Teachers' Convention October 17

February vacation dates subject to change

Total number School weeks 37

Total number School days 180

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of
Francestown qualified to vote in district affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 7th day of March 1952, at 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for the purpose of providing adequate water pressure in the school, or take any action relating thereto.
9. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the purpose of defraying expenses related to the Peterborough Cooperative School Study, or take any action relating thereto.
10. To see if the school district will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the school district the benefits of title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old-Age and Survivor's Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 234 of the Laws of 1951 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40.00 to defray the school district's share of the cost thereof.
11. If the foregoing article is adopted to see if the school district will authorize the School Board to execute on behalf of the school district the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the school district will designate the School District Treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

12. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

Given under our hands at said Francestown this 12th day of February 1952.

WINNIFRED C. HOYT

C. GLADYS ST. JOHN

HAROLD A. VARNUM

School Board

DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Administration:

1. Salaries of District Officers		\$135 60
Lillian C. Stewart	\$4 00	
C. Gladys St. John	30 00	
H. A. Varnum	48 00	
Bernice Miller	23 60	
Winnifred C. Hoyt	30 00	
2. Superintendent's Salary		316 00
John G. Tracy, Treas. Sup. Union No. 63	316 00	
3. Tax for State Wide Supervision		144 00
4. Truant office and School Census		12 00
C. Gladys St. John	12 00	
5. Expenses of Administration		258 77
John G. Tracy, Treas.	241 62	
Lillian C. Stewart	93	
N. H. School Board Association	3 00	
Robert St. John	5 00	
Bernice Miller	8 22	

Instruction:

6. Principals' and Teachers' Salaries		\$5,592 38
Alfred W. Thomas	2,385 79	
Mrs. Gladys Burke	1,906 19	
Washington National Ins. Co.	63 00	
Collector of Internal Revenue	643 00	
N. H. Teachers' Retirement Board	361 75	
Ethelyn G. Edwards	232 65	
7. Textbooks		222 01
Rand McNally & Co.	38 09	
Noble & Noble Pub. Co.	7 23	
Iroquois Pub. Co.	10 27	
World Book Co.	1 29	
Ginn & Co.	2 39	
Row, Peterson & Co.	6 75	
O. H. Toothaker	2 32	
American Book Co.	14 59	
Supervisory Union No. 63	2 00	
Allyn and Bacon	10 34	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	23 54	
L. W. Singer Co.	33 34	
Macmillan Co.	31 46	
D. C. Heath & Co.	24 42	
Houghton Mifflin Co.	3 98	

8. Scholars' Supplies		357 08
Rand McNally & Co.	31 42	
J. L. Hammett Co.	44 53	
Gledhill Bros. Inc.	1 06	
Mainco Trading Co.	7 24	
Henry S. Wolkins Co.	65 75	
Edward E. Babb Co.	33 27	
Continental Press	4 44	
Row, Peterson & Co.	7 09	
Supervisory Union No. 63	31 96	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	14 39	
The Art Center	23 84	
John C. Winston Co.	4 39	
Allyn and Bacon	16 47	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	35 89	
L. W. Singer Co.	20 11	
D. C. Heath & Co.	81	
Houghton Mifflin Co.	11 89	
Estate of James Melzer	2 53	
10. Other Expenses of Instruction		52 25
Edward E. Babb Co.	4 50	
American Education Press	25 00	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	3 08	
Scholastic Magazines	11 70	
F. A. Owen Publishing Co.	6 75	
J. L. Hammett Co.	1 22	
Operation and Maintenance of School Plant:		
11. Janitor Service		427 00
Richard Miller	378 00	
C. Gladys St. John	49 00	
12. Fuel		346 54
Draper Fuel Company	346 54	
13. Water, light and Janitor Supplies		358 87
Francestown Electric & Water Co.	30 00	
M. D. Stetson Co.	19 99	
F. H. Colburn Co.	20 31	
Supervisory Union No. 63	75	
Orvel Peirce Co.	2 00	
C. B. Dolge Co.	6 03	
Derby's Dept. Store	17 62	
West Disinfecting Co.	61 99	
Joslin Hardware Co.	9 26	
J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	21 25	
Central Paper Products Co.	53 25	
Mainco Trading Co.	32 00	
Public Service Co. of N. H.	84 42	

14. Minor Repairs and Expenses		402 96
Joslin Hardware Co.	1 79	
Howard N. Chase	6 50	
A. G. Gosselin Co., Inc.	54 65	
J. J. Moreau & Son, Inc.	30 93	
Draper Fuel Co.	36 95	
Garland Co.	18 50	
Joe Thompson's Garage	12 00	
F. H. Colburn Co.	68 40	
Nashua Hardware & Plumbing Co.	79 24	
Monadnock Lumber Co.	24 00	
Donald E. Hoyt	17 00	
E. H. Edwards	53 00	

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities:

15. Medical Inspection		188 10
Mrs. Ola Myhaver	184 90	
Clukay Pharmacy	1 50	
N. H. Teachers' Retirement Board	1 70	
16. Transportation of Pupils		2,060 00
Arthur W. Lord	1,226 40	
Yvonne Creighton	569 60	
Franklin Hadley	175 00	
Charles T. Colburn	34 00	
Thomas E. Bixby	55 00	
17. Tuition—High School		3,270 00
Peterborough School District	2,310 00	
New Boston School District	660 00	
Hancock Educational Association	300 00	
18. Other Special Activities		\$22 23
Lorenz Publishing Co.	\$3 25	
J. L. Hammett Co.	3 42	
University of N. H.	4 80	
Philip Morris & Co.	10 76	
18a. School Lunch		443 99

Fixed Charges:

19. Teacher Retirement		337 99
N. H. Teachers' Retirement Board	337 99	
20. Insurance, treas. bond & expenses		257 00
F. H. Colburn Co.	164 00	
Levi M. Bixby	84 00	
G. A. Reynolds	9 00	

Capital Outlay:		
23. New Equipment		18 45
Miller, Lamb & Hunter Inc.	3 00	
Mike's Express	15 45	
Debt and Interest:		
25. Payment on Principal of Debt		500 00
Souhegan National Bank	500 00	
26. Payments on Interest on Debt		106 25
Souhegan National Bank	106 25	
Total Payments		\$15,829 47
Cash on hand June 30, 1951		972 03
Grand Total		\$16,801 50

Respectfully submitted,
 WINNIFRED HOYT
 C. GLADYS ST. JOHN
 HAROLD A. VARNUM
 School Board

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951

SUMMARY

A. Administration:	
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$135 60
2. Superintendent's Salary (local share)	316 00
3. Tax for State Wide Supervision	144 00
4. Salaries of other Adm'n Personnel	12 00
5. Expenses of Administration	258 77
B. Instruction:	
6. Teachers' Salaries	5,592 38
7. Textbooks and other Instr. Aids	222 01
8. Scholars' Supplies	357 08
10. Supplies and Other Expenses	52 25
C. Operation of School Plant:	
11. Salaries of Janitors	427 00
12. Fuel or Heat	346 54
13. Water, light, supplies & expenses	358 87
D. Maintenance of School Plant:	
14. Repairs and Replacements	402 96

E. Auxiliary Activities:	
15. Health Supervision	188 10
16. Transportation	2,060 00
17. Tuition	3,270 00
18. Special Activities & Special Funds	22 23
18a. School Lunch	443 99
F. Fixed Charges:	
19. Teacher Retirement	337 99
20. Insurance, treas. bonds & expenses	257 00
G. Capital Outlay:	
23. New Equipment	18 45
H. Debt and Interest:	
25. Principal on Debt	500 00
26. Payment of Interest	106 25
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Total Payments for all Purposes	\$15,829 47
Cash on hand at end of year June 30, 1951	972 03
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Grand Total	\$16,801 50

RECEIPTS

Federal Aid:	
National School Lunch	\$443 99
State Aid:	
Equalization & Emergency	735 73
Local Taxation:	
Current Appropriation	14,862 87
Other Sources:	
Elementary School Tuitions	480 00
Other	119 25
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Total Receipts	\$16,641 84
Cash on Hand July 1, 1950	159 66
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Grand Total	\$16,801 50

Respectfully submitted,
 WINNIFRED HOYT
 C. GLADYS ST. JOHN
 HAROLD A. VARNUM
 School Board

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1951

SUMMARY

Cash on hand June 30, 1950		\$159 66
Received from Selectmen:		
Current appropriation	\$14,862 87	
Dog tax	55 85	
Received from State Treasurer	1,180 36	
Received from all other sources	542 76	
	<hr/>	16,641 84
Total amount available for fiscal year		16,801 50
Less School Board orders paid		15,829 47
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Balance on hand as of June 30, 1951		\$972 03

BERNICE E. MILLER

Dated July 13, 1951

District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Francestown, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951 and find them correct in all respects.

August 27, 1951

FORD W. BOWMAN, Auditor

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 1952-53

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1952 and comparative analysis of expenditures.

	Expended 1950-51	Budgeted 1951-52	Estimated Budget 1952-53
A. ADMINISTRATION:			
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$135 60	\$140 60	\$140 60
2. Superintendent's Salary (local)	316 00	380 25	439 80
3. Tax for state wide supervision	144 00	152 00	164 00
4. Salaries of other adm'n personnel	258 77	258 83	320 26
5. Supplies and expenses	12 00	31 00	31 00
B. INSTRUCTION:			
6. Teachers' Salaries	4,492 38	5,775 00	5,800 00
7. Textbooks & other instr. aids	222 01	220 00	220 00
8. Scholars' supplies	357 08	351 00	360 00
10. Other Instructional Expenses	52 25	69 00	56 00
C. OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
11. Salary of Janitor	427 00	500 00	490 00
12. Fuel or heat	346 54	400 00	400 00
13. Water, light & other expenses	358 87	220 00	232 25
D. MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
14. Repairs and replacements	402 96	715 00	490 00
E. AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:			
15. Health Supervision	188 10	235 00	235 00
16. Transportation	2,060 00	2,100 00	2,124 00
17. Tuition—High School	3,270 00	4,950 00	4,625 00
18. Special Fund Activities	22 23	545 00	45 00
18a. School Lunch	443 99		
F. FIXED CHARGES:			
19. Teacher Retirement	337 99	366 00	367 00
20. Insurance, Bonds & Expenses	257 00	371 00	287 00
Total Current Expenses	\$15,204 77	\$17,779 68	\$16,826 91
G. CAPITAL OUTLAY:			
23. New Equipment	18 45	200 00	30 00
H. DEBT, INTEREST:			
25. Payments on Principal	500 00	500 00	500 00
26. Payments of Interest	106 25	93 75	96 25
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUIRED TO MEET SCHOOL BOARD'S BUDGET	\$15,829 47	\$18,573 43	\$17,453 16
Estimated Income of District	Actual	Estimated	Estimated
Balance on hand June 30, 1950	\$159 66	\$159 66	\$972 03
State Aid	735 73		
Other estimated income	1,043 24	540 00	540 00
Local Taxation	14,862 87		
Total Estimated Income	\$16,801 50	\$699 66	\$1,512 03
Total Estimated Assessment Required to Cover School Board's Budget	\$14,862 87	\$17,873 77	\$15,941 13

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AND CITIZENS OF FRANCESTOWN:

I respectfully submit my fifth annual report as your Superintendent of Schools.

STAFF CHANGES

We have had a complete change of staff this year with the exception of Miss Ethelyn Edwards, music supervisor. Miss Hazel Clement, who formerly taught in Spofford, N. H. replaced Mrs. Gladys Burke as teacher of grades one through four. Mrs. Burke moved to Wrentham, Massachusetts; Mr. Sidney Moore, graduate of Keene Teachers College in June 1951, replaced Mr. Alfred Thomas as teacher of grades five through eight, and Principal of the building. Mr. Thomas moved on to Keene, N. H. to accept a position as Principal of the Roosevelt School. Mr. Moore resigned on account of ill health, shortly after the school year started, and Mr. Robert Piper, graduate of Keene Teachers College and the University of New Hampshire, was employed as teacher-principal of the public school. Mr. Piper comes to us with several years of experience both as a teacher and a principal.

Mrs. Ola Myhaver, school nurse, for the past several years, resigned to accept a full-time position in the Peterborough District. We were fortunate in being able to procure the services of Mrs. Louisa Murphy, R. N. to act as school nurse.

Despite these numerous changes we have been able to maintain high morale and scholarship achievement in our public school.

INSTRUCTION

I am pleased to report that high standards of instruction are being maintained in your school under the capable direction of your teachers. Methods of instruction are being kept up to date with emphasis being placed upon the individual learning abilities of each child. The large enrollment in the primary grades this fall made it necessary for the School Board to employ a part-time teacher to assist in this room. We were very fortunate to be able to procure the services of an experienced teacher in the person of Mrs. Francis Abbott. Mrs. Abbott teaches each morning concentrating her efforts on grades three and four, thus enabling Miss Clement to devote more time to grades one and two where much individual attention is needed. This program is working out very satisfactorily.

The Guidance Program initiated last year, provides each child with a folder in which a record of his achievement test results, difficulties, etc. are kept. These records reveal the mental and physical growth of each child and direct the teaching activities in the path which will be most profitable to the child.

A complete testing program is given to all pupils in grades one through eight. In grade one each child receives a Metropolitan Reading Readiness Test which measures the maturity of the individual and reveals to the teacher the probable groupings necessary to carry on efficient instruction. They also are given the S. R. A. Primary Mental Abilities Test which indicates the innate ability of the child to succeed in school work. These tests are given also to grades three, six and eight. All grades are given a Metropolitan Achievement Test in May. An analysis of the results of these tests reveals to the teachers the strengths and weaknesses of individuals and also of the educational program. Throughout the year standardized tests in reading are given as the pupils complete various phases of the reading program. Of particular importance are the Weekly Reader Tests given in October, January, and May. These measure the growth in reading ability in these periods. All results are recorded on a Cumulative Record Card which accompanies the pupil as he moves from grade to grade.

All teachers in Supervisory Union No. 63 attended a two-day Workshop in Wilton, N. H. The theme of the Workshop was "Improving the Techniques of Teaching with Audio-Visual Aids." These aids train the child to learn by seeing, listening, speaking and doing. Experience has shown that they are an invaluable aid to the child who has a reading difficulty. It is hoped that the Francestown School can have the advantage of another piece of Audio-Visual equipment sometime in the near future, this being a film-strip projector with which textbook learning is supplemented by 35 millimeter pictures covering similar learnings. These are still-pictures and have the distinct advantage of fixing in the pupils' minds distinct principles related to the subject being studied.

HEALTH SUPERVISION

The School Nurse Report covers the work done by Mrs. Myhaver during the school year 1950-51.

This year we have had all children examined by a doctor. It is hoped that this type of service can be continued. Every child now receives a physical examination, a vision test, and an auditory test, in addition to the monthly check-up by the school nurse. Parents are informed when any irregularities exist and they have been most cooperative. Certain communicable diseases are difficult to control once they get started. Every effort is made to obtain professional advice to guide the actions of the school officials.

Our dental clinics have been very successful. This is due largely to the fine assistance given by the Parent-Teachers Association and the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

PLAYGROUND FACILITIES

On behalf of the teachers and children I wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Parent-Teachers Association for the fine playground equipment purchased by them and given to the school. It has already done yeoman service and is greatly enjoyed by our children.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Mrs. St. John is continuing to operate a very efficient and satisfactory school lunch program, assisted by Mr. Harry Varnum, who maintains the program books. Our lunch program is more than a "feeding station," it is definitely an educational device, wherein the children have brought to their attention good table manners, social responsibilities, and good eating habits.

High cost of food plus curtailed distribution of surplus foods makes it exceedingly difficult to operate a school lunch program on a pay-as-you-go basis. The government reimbursement has been reduced from 9¢ to 6¢ per child. This contribution pays only for the milk consumed, thus it is necessary to purchase practically all foods from receipts from the children. The appropriation granted by the School District last March has been the determining factor as to whether we could continue to operate or not.

The following report of Receipts and Payments reveals the extent of your program.

RECEIPTS

National School Lunch (reimbursements)	\$433 99
Receipts from sale of Lunches	1,284 10
Other Sources	17 71
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,745 80

PAYMENTS

Food	\$925 36
Labor	690 00
Other	125 50
TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$1,740 86
Balance on hand June 30, 1951	4 94
Grand Total	\$1,745 80

IMPROVEMENTS TO BUILDING

The exterior of the school building has been painted according to plan, as has the interior of the primary room and adjacent library room. The only areas now requiring attention are the upper grade room and library adjacent to it. This is planned for this summer.

A special article in the warrant calls to the attention of the voters the necessity for remedying in some manner the water pressure in the school building. A complete study of the matter has been made by the State Department of Health; Aetna Engineering Co., and the Superintendent of Schools. The problem seems to be one of distribution rather than supply. There are two apparent ways of attacking the problem.

(a) Replace pipe from street to school building. (May give larger supply but will not affect pressure to any appreciable degree).

(b) Install two-tank system in basement of school with pressure pump. (Will assure a comparatively constant pressure ranging between 20 and 40 lbs.)

COOPERATIVE SCHOOL STUDY

There is little to report in this subject, with the exception that a committee composed of your Superintendent, School Board representative, and a representative from the citizenry has attended numerous meetings at Peterborough studying and discussing the feasibility of such a project. The Peterborough Transcript has reported in detail the progress to date.

A special article in the warrant calls for an appropriation of \$50.00 to be used in connection with the Cooperative School Study. This sum will be used to defray any expenses that may arise as a result of the need for surveys, reports, etc. so that the townspeople may be kept informed.

FINANCE

The amount required to meet the school board's budget has been reduced by \$1,120.27 as compared with last year's budget. The estimated assessment shows a reduction of \$1,932.64. These reductions are largely the result of eliminating the appropriation of \$500 for school lunch, reducing the expenditures for Minor Repairs and Expenses by \$225 and reducing tuitions by \$325. The School Board's estimate on tuitions makes no allowances for an additional pupil who might become the district's obligation. A one pupil increase or decrease could alter this item by \$270.00. Reported tuition rates for next year are Peterborough \$270 and New Boston \$250. The average per pupil cost for secondary pupils in New Hampshire for 1950-51 was \$271.75.

The budgets of those districts having an increasing tuition obligation will be greatly affected in the following years. Francetown's tuition pupils will increase from the present 17 to a possible 36, if all attend school. This increase will appear between the years 1952-57. At the same time operating costs will perhaps increase slightly due to increased local enrollments. This picture does not take into account what will be happening to our national economy.

STATE AID

According to the present State Aid Formula Francetown will not be eligible to receive any State Aid. This situation will continue to exist until such time as the State Aid Formula is rewritten, the number of pupils increase decidedly or the adjusted valuation is decreased.

CONCLUSION

I wish to thank the parents and friends of the Francetown School for their constant support and interest in school activities. I also appreciate the excellent cooperation and help that has been extended to me by the Francetown School Board.

NEWELL J. PAIRE

Superintendent of Schools

STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1951

ENROLLMENT

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary:	6	9	15	3					33
Grammar:					11	12	5	8	36
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									69

Attending Schools Elsewhere:

New Boston High School	3
Peterborough High School	11
Hancock High School	2

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance	Tardiness	
				Total	Per Pupil
Primary	33.10	31.74	95.81	9	.27
Grammar	35.71	34.48	96.55	8	.22

Visits:

By School Board	6
By Superintendent	58
By Citizens	226

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Two Consecutive Years: Vernon Lee Phillips, James Champagne, Andrew Clark, Wayne Robinson, Eileen Stearns.

One Year: Nancy Bowman, Susan Broman, Thomas Curran, Allan Easton, Peter Milliard.

STATISTICS FOR FIRST EIGHTEEN WEEKS 1951-1952

Census: (Ages 1 day—18 yrs.) Boys 70; Girls 46; Total 116

Attending Schools in Francestown	62
Attending Private School in Newton, Mass.	1
Attending Private School in Pennsylvania	1
Attending Hancock High School	2
Attending New Boston High School	3
Attending Peterborough High School	13

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	9	6	11	14					40
Grammar					4	11	10	6	31
									71

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance	Total Tardiness
Primary	36.57	33.41	89.9	12
Grammar	29.18	28.28	96.9	21

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

TO THE SUPT. OF SCHOOLS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION:

The following is the summary of the Health work completed by the school nurse in the Francestown School from September 7, 1950 to June 15, 1951.

Number of visits to school	29
Total physical inspections of students	452
Total number of students weighed and measured	208
Total number of vision test (Mass. Vision Test used)	74
Total number of hearing tests (Maico Audiometer used)	77
Total number of pre-school children inspected	7
Total number of parents or representatives present (at the registration on May 15, 1951.	3

In the inspection of school children the following defects were found:

Defective teeth	35
Enlarged tonsils	21
Defective vision	9
Skin conditions	2
Corrections made:	
Dental, at clinics	14
Others having dental care	27
Tonsils cared for	5
First aid	2
Ears examined and treated	2
Glasses fitted or re-fitted	5
Glasses not necessary	2

Exclusions from school have been made in compliance with the State and local Boards of Health. The First-Aid cabinet has been checked from time to time.

Special Health Activities:

I. Dental Clinics were held at the office of Dr. C. Temple Lawrence of Peterborough on Jan. 8, 15, 22, 1951.

- a. Number of students treated at the clinic 14
- b. The local American Red Cross and parents sponsored these clinics.

II. The eye clinic was held at Dr. Provost's office in Manchester, N. H., on May 25, 1951.

- a. Number of students treated 1
- b. Sponsored by the Sight Conservation Program under the direction of Miss Louise Sexton, R. N. (Consultant).

III. The Tuberculin (Patch) Test was given on March 12, 14 and 16, 1951.

a. Number of students having test 57

b. The chest X-rays were sponsored by the State and local Boards of Health and Education, parents and the State Tuberculosis Association. Mrs. Mildred Aiken, R. N., Tuberculosis Association nurse assisted by the school nurse gave the tests. The X-rays were taken by Mr. Alden, Tuberculosis Association technician.

IV. A Public Health Clinic was held in Francetown on June 8, 1951, sponsored by the State Board of Health:

a. Number of babies & pre-schoolers attending 7

b. Number of parents or representatives attending 7

Mrs. Claire Hamilton, State Public Health Nurse assisted by local nurses and the school nurse directed the clinic with the help of a local committee.

At this time the school nurse wishes to thank all organizations assisting in the School Health Program and to express appreciation to the Superintendent of Schools and Board of Education, principal and teachers, nurses and parents, for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

OLA H. MYHAVER, R. N., School Nurse

TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds. Town of Franconetown, N. H., Year Ending December 31, 1951

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND AND PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income at end of Year
1852	Levi Woodbury Educational Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	\$1,000.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	\$41.22	\$28.45	\$24.49	\$45.18
1856	Jennie Bradford Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	351.70	2 1/2 - 3 %	95.08	12.36	4.00	103.44
1909	Ebenezer Pettee Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	25.08	3.45	2.00	26.58
1913	Richard Stanley Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	20.13	3.32	1.00	22.45
1915	William Boyd Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	43.93	5.35	2.00	47.28
1916	Ephraim & Charles Morgan Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	18.13	3.27	1.00	20.40
1916	Issacher Dodge Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	6.19	1.54		7.73
1916	Mary C. Abbott Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	75.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	9.35	2.33	1.00	10.68
1916	Mary A. Bibb Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	14.84	3.17	1.00	17.01
1917	Nancy M. Dantorth Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	14.18	3.16	1.00	16.34
1918	Almeda Felch Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	40.08	6.65	5.00	41.73
1920	Daniels Ordway Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	19.41	3.29	2.00	20.70
1920	Jessie E. Osbort Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	50.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	7.56	1.58	1.00	8.14
1921	Henry H. Lynch Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	18.76	3.28	2.00	20.04
1922	Mary D. Roper Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	15.03	3.18	1.00	17.21
1922	E. M. Fisher Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	300.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	30.29	9.14		39.43
1922	F. A. M. West Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	7.74	1.58		8.32
1923	Edna W. Deed Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	14.85	3.17	1.00	17.02
1924	Unkown Dead Man Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	55.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	6.79	2.24	1.00	8.03
1925	Mark Dean Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	13.73	3.20	1.00	17.93
1925	Ruthen Sawyer & Garvin Sleeper Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	16.65	3.16	1.00	17.52
1927	George F. Holt Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	200.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	46.52	8.52	4.00	46.82
1927	Clara Dean Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	16.92	3.22	1.00	18.15
1928	Moses B. Fisher Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	20.82	3.23	1.00	24.15
1929	Ordway & Snell Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	8.56	2.85	1.00	5.11
1929	Amos P. Fairbanks Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	18.42	3.27	1.00	26.69
1929	Mary J. Boynton Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	7.45	1.58	1.00	19.83
1929	Benjamin Dean Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	17.10	3.16	1.00	16.20
1930	Georgiana Felch Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	14.04	3.16	1.00	18.29
1931	Jennie G. Dodge Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	150.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	28.36	4.93	2.00	31.29
1931	Walter N. Maxfield Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100.00	2 1/2 - 3 %	15.22	3.18	1.00	17.40

1932	John A. Burnham Cemetery Fund	150.00	27.04	4.90	1.00	36.94
1933	Sarah A. Hill Cemetery Fund	150.00	1.42	1.42		2.84
1934	Addie L. Morse Cemetery Fund	900.00	220.19	31.01	10.00	241.20
1934	Frank Crosby Cemetery Fund	150.00	23.40	4.39	3.00	23.19
1935	Willard Carter Cemetery Fund	100.00	20.22	3.82	1.00	27.94
1935	John L. Epps Cemetery Fund	100.00	20.21	3.85		24.06
1935	Willard E. Carters Cemetery Fund	100.00	16.41	3.32	1.00	22.53
1935	George E. Downes Cemetery Fund	100.00	10.08	3.61	1.00	13.13
1935	Frank Robinson Cemetery Fund	100.00	10.08	3.61	1.00	13.13
1936	Arthur G. Clark Cemetery Fund	100.00	14.36	3.16	1.00	15.92
1936	Joseph Fitts Cemetery Fund	200.00	44.66	6.76	2.00	49.32
1937	Samuel & Ephraim Fuller Cemetery Fund	100.00	11.32	3.07	1.00	13.39
1939	Fred Henderson Cemetery Fund	100.00	15.54	3.18	1.00	17.72
1939	George F. Lowe Cemetery Fund	100.00	22.80	3.39	1.00	25.19
1940	Sadie B. Balch Cemetery Fund	100.00	11.79	3.61	1.00	13.40
1941	Charles H. Nichols Cemetery Fund	82.58	13.54	3.12	1.00	15.66
1943	Edwin A. Terren Cemetery Fund	50.00	4.43	1.51		5.94
1943	Milton G. Starratt Cemetery Fund	500.00	69.47	15.75	2.00	83.22
1944	William Reed Sawyer Cemetery Fund	150.00	10.79	4.43	1.00	14.22
1944	Lydia Burton Cemetery Fund	100.00	10.87	3.06	1.00	12.93
1944	Wilfred Brown Cemetery Fund	200.00	20.67	6.10	1.00	25.77
1944	Joseph H. Chandler Cemetery Fund	100.00	8.29	2.99		11.28
1944	Amasa Downes Cemetery Fund	100.00	7.76	2.98		10.74
1945	Eva Smith Chandler Cemetery Fund	100.00	8.93	3.00		11.93
1946	Frank W. Jones Cemetery Fund	100.00	6.79	2.95	1.00	8.74
1946	Capital Reserve Fund	1,100.00	48.77	31.57		80.34
1947	Burt W. Smith Cemetery Fund	100.00	4.26	2.88		6.14
1948	Emma A. Joslin Cemetery Fund	150.00	8.23	4.38	1.00	11.61
1948	Sylvanus G. Wood Cemetery Fund	100.00	4.35	2.88		7.23
1949	Fisher & Knight Cemetery Fund	200.00	5.96	5.68		11.64
1950	Huntington Cemetery Fund	100.00	1.25	2.79		4.04
1950	Forrest Carson Cemetery Fund	100.00	1.04	2.79		3.83
1950	Solomon R. Atwood Cemetery Fund	50.00	1.10	1.38		1.48
1951	Albert P. Dodge Cemetery Fund	100.00		28.19	28.19	
	George Holmes Bixby Library Fund	1,025.00	37.50	37.50	37.50	
	George Holmes Bixby Library Fund					
	Bonds					
		\$13,159.28	\$1,395.13	\$334.73	\$169.18	\$1,620.68

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

RODNEY G. MILLS
KATHLEEN F. JOHNSON
PAUL T. BRADBURY, Trustees

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Franeestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1951

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Condition	No. Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name Mother	Color	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
1951											
Jan. 17	Peterborough	Ella Louise Houston	F	L	3	Robert M. Houston	Madeline Stuart-levant	W	Caretaker	Canterbury	Hillsborough
Mar. 19	Franeestown	Mabel Edna Johnson	F	L	3	Edward E. Johnson	Marion L. Higgins	W	Laborer	Westmoreland	Milford
Mar. 9	Peterborough	Carol Davis Clark	F	L	1	Stuart F. Clark	Priscilla Davis	W	Grocery store	Franeestown	Boston, Mass.
Mar. 17	N. Haven, Conn.	Robert G. Benson III	M	L	1	Robert G. Benson II	Elizabeth B. Leewitz	W	Exporter	Passaic, N. J.	New York, N. Y.
April 19	Peterborough	Michael F. Abbott	M	L	2	Francis W. Abbott	Nina M. Nutting	W	Farmer	Peterborough	Franeestown
May 1	Goffstown	Janet E. Jones	F	L	1	Frank W. Jones	Marion E. Hoyt	W	Bookkeeper	Franeestown	Franeestown
July 4	Peterborough	Kathleen M. Foote	F	L	1	Clifton F. Foote	Elizabeth Champagne	W	Mill worker	Franeestown	Franeestown
July 10	Goffstown	Fay Etta Vadney	F	L	3	Leland E. Vadney	Minnietta Foote	W	Woodman	E. Washington	Franeestown
Sept. 14	Goffstown	Valerie R. Cilley	F	L	1	Richard C. Cilley	Sylvia Fairfield	W	Night Foreman	Franeestown	Franeestown
Sept. 22	Peterborough	Edward F. Clay	M	L	5	William A. Clay	Elizabeth McCarton	W	Insur. Adjustor	Hartford, Conn.	Franeestown
Oct. 3	Peterborough	Carol Ada Loebel	F	L	4	Harry A. Loebel	Virginia R. Starke	W	Engineer	Milwaukee	Manchester, Conn.
Oct. 15	Peterborough	Deborah J. Bennett	F	L	3	Everett G. Bennett	Eleanor M. Paige	W	Herdsmen	Sutton, Vt.	Franeestown
Oct. 19	Nashua	Sandra Louise Jones	F	L	1	Edward E. Jones	Shirley L. Harris	W	Farmer	New Hampshire	New Hampshire
Dec. 27	Nashua	Norman Kris Stewart	M	L	2	Norman J. Stewart	Elizabeth Kittredge	W	Truck Driver	Massachusetts	New Hampshire

Marriages Registered in the Town of Francestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1951

Place & Date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Name and Residence of Person by Whom Married
1951 June 10	Sidney M. Doyle, Jr. Durham	Francestown	24	Student	Michigan	Sidney M. Doyle Ada Humphrey	New Hampshire	W. H. Bunker Minister Durham
June 17	Fay Allen Connor George O. St. John	Goffstown	18	Secretary	New Hampshire	Leroy Connor Freda Brown	Connecticut	Rev. Charles D. Maurer Clergyman Derry
Cr. Sandwich	Emily E. Shepard	Francestown	21	Laborer	New Hampshire	A. Oliver St. John Carrie G. Johnson	New Hampshire	John Henry Wilson Clergyman Wilton
Oct. 28	Roger Prescott Clark	Cr. Sandwich	19	Millworker	New Hampshire	Roger F. Shepard Ruth M. Hoyt	New Hampshire	
	Marie Grace Holmes	Francestown	28	Postmaster	New Hampshire	Carroll F. Clark Marion H. Prescott	New Hampshire	
Wilton		Wilton	29	At home	New Hampshire	George S. Forbush Mary Ann Rivard	Massachusetts Canada	

Deaths Registered in the Town of Francestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1951

Date	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Years	Months	Days	Place of Birth	Sex	S. M. W.	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1951											
Jan. 18	Francestown	Alice Hubbard Davis	75	1	14	St. Albans, Vt.	F	W	Housewife	Frederick Hubbard	Martha Jarvis
Feb. 25	Francestown	Eva Shedd Hill	66			New Boston	F	W	Housewife	Charles Henry Shedd	Clara Frances Poor
Mar. 8	Francestown	Eugene D. Donnell	83	2	12	Melrose, Mass.	M	W	Real Estate	Charles H. Donnell	Harriett R. Adams
Mar. 18	Concord	Jennie E. Shattuck	86			Francestown	W	S	Retired	Francis Shattuck	Caroline Hartney
Mar. 26	Nashua	Richard McKnight Jr.	53			New York City	M	M	Fed. Serv. & Capt.	Richard McKnight Sr.	Minnie O'Hanlon
April 25	Francestown	Mabel E. Allen	69			Mt. Vernon	F	W	Police, Ft. Devens	Clarence Dwinnella	Harradon
June 13	Deering	George W. Putnam	74			Francestown	M	M	Farmer	Levi Oliver Putnam	Louisa Colby
June 22	Francestown	Marian V. Groke	33			Boston, Mass.	F	M	Housewife	Marvin Bixby	Gertrude Mason
July 24	Francestown	Frank H. Osborne	80			Wear, Mass.	M	D	Carpenter	William Osborne	Lydia Buxton
Oct. 25	Stonham, Mass.	Mary Rose Doyle	58			Boston, Mass.	F	M	At home	Patrick J. O'Neil	Margaret O'Brien
Oct. 30	Francestown	Mathilda G. Olsson	82			Varmland, Sweden	F	M	Housewife	Anders Hohanson	Anderson
Nov. 28	Francestown	Edith Lovilla Gove	74			New Hampshire	F	S	Retired	Warren C. Gove	Jane E. Collins
Dec. 5	Pittsfield	Fannie E. Robinson	76			Beekmantown, N. Y.	F	W	Domestic	James Swinston	Phoebe Simons
Dec. 7	Peterborough	John A. Peters	71	3	15	Francestown, Mass.	M	W	Retired Laborer	Peter Peters	Mary Jane Colby
Dec. 18	Francestown	Grace Agnes Bevis	56			Boston, Mass.	F	M	Housewife	Unknown	Unknown
Dec. 21	Francestown	Bertha L. McConnell	64	8	28	Raymond	F	W	At home	John W. L. Robie	Caroline M. Titcomb

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk.

